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Windham Economic Development Committee
WEDC
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 13, 2012

Present: Chairman, Bob Young; Members: Dianne Connolly, Sally D'Angelo, Paul Gosselin, Al Letizio Jr., Ralph Valentine, Sy Wrenn

Late Arrival, Members: Beverly Donovan, Jay Yennaco, 7:45;

Late Arrival, Staff Support: Laura Scott, Community Development Director, 8:05

Excused: Derrick McManus, Phil LoChiatto

Meeting called to order at 7:35 am

VOTED: On motion made (Ralph Valentine) and seconded (Sally D'Angelo), Dianne Connolly was named as WEDC Secretary. Approved 6-0-1 (Abstaining: D. Connolly)

VOTED: On motion made (Sally D'Angelo) and seconded (A. Letizio), the 12/20/11 minutes were approved with one amendment made by Bob Young. 7-0-2, (Abstaining: J. Yannaco, P. Gosselin)

Communications: Chairman Young reviewed the communications from the past month. Of note -

- As discussed in December, a press release went out to area newspapers regarding the Canobie Lake Watershed issue with the Lawrence Eagle Tribune writing an article on the subject.
- The Planning Board accepted the WEDC invitation to meet with further details forthcoming after the Planning Board chairman clarifies this with her board.
- Chairman Young submitted the requested WEDC Annual Report to the town.
- Chairman Young noted communication from a town resident following up on the recent WEDC survey.

Design Review Subcommittee Report / Next Steps: Subcommittee Chairman Ralph Valentine reviewed upcoming time lines. Of note -

- The next Design Review workshop will be held by the Planning Board on 2/15.
- Mr. Valentine scheduled a subcommittee meeting tentatively for 1/24 at 8am to discuss the WEDC's presentation.



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- Discussion underscored the importance of the WEDC presenting clear, direct and specific comments to the Planning Board. Both Mr. Valentine and Ms Scott noted that the Planning Board has responded positively to the WEDC's input.

Zoning Ordinance Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee Chairman Ralph Valentine noted that the subcommittee meeting minutes had been posted. Of note –

- Bill Schroder of the Canobie Lake Association attended the 12/20 subcommittee meeting, discussing collaboration and shared goals.
- Laura Scott reviewed current petitions before the PB, noting that only the Canobie Lake Watershed Petition was approved by the PB.
- There was brief discussion about the tax benefit of commercially zoned property vs. residential property and also of a current petition to increase the gross weight of commercial vehicles allowed to park in residential (A,B,C) areas.

Board Updates: Sy Wrenn and Laura Scott briefly updated the committee on topics of interest from the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen calendars. Of note –

- The Planning Board has a review of Site Plan Regulations on its 2012 calendar. Ms Scott will alert the committee when the topic is put onto an agenda.

Community Development: Laura Scott noted that she will be conducting business visitations and invited the WEDC to participate. Various dates and events were briefly reviewed.

Greater Salem Chamber News: Beverly Donovan reminded the committee that the chamber's afterhour's event will be at Castleton on 1/18 at 5:30 and encouraged the WEDC to be present.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion made (A. Letizio) and seconded (R. Valentine), the meeting adjourned at 9:05am.